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cries of the street vendors. The nights, even during the summer, are delightfully cool and enjoyable; sitting in one of the comfortable café gardens of Tirana with a cup of delicious coffee! The old saying of "being killed with kindness" is literally true in this unique kingdom.

Upon leaving Tirana, the capital of Albania, and journeying further into the heart of the country, one comes more in contact with the native aspect of this country in all of its charm. The land, in the vicinity of Tirana, is smooth and devoted to wide, rich fields of maize and wheat. A few miles further on the landscape loses its cultivated appearance and the scenery becomes more wild and desolate, and at the same time extraordinarily beautiful. From plains the country rapidly rises into rolling hills and rugged rocky mountains, and becomes a country from Wonderland.

The first point of interest along this route are the ruins of the Petrela Castle, which dominated this district until the rise of Tirana about 1600. However, fragments of tile proclaim the fact that it was built for fortifying purposes in ancient times, but the more evident pro-Turkish brick and stone mortar de-